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HONGKONG, JUNE 6TH, 1877.

In his commercial report for 1876, just re-
ceived, Mr. C. M. Ford, the Acting British
Vice-Consul at Hoilow, concludes with a few
remarks on the relations which existed be-
tween foreigners and the officials and people of
the place, which show that these were at
one time the reverse of satisfactory. When
the port was opened, on the 1st April last
year, the foreigners, Mr. Ford tells us, met
with a very friendly reception from all the
officials, and the latter took great pains to
keep the people quiet and civil. Proclama-
tions were issued soon after the arrival of
the Consular staff, enjoining the people to
treat the foreigners with respect and to
refrain from annoying them. For a brief
period all went well, but in spite of the pro-
clamations and of the other measures taken
by the authorities to preserve order, "the
effect of certain revolting rumours concerning

foreigners" had preceded them soon
began to tell, and within a few weeks of
the opening of the port the natives became
so abusive that the foreigners could hardly
move about in any direction without getting
harassed. In one village on the other side

of the river Mr. Brown, the late Commissar
of Customs, was even stoned: The
incubus at last became so great that Mr.
Ford was obliged to bring it officially to the
notice of the Kungshant district magistrate.

That official gave the elders of the villages

pointed out as the worst offenders a smart

warning, and posted proclamations there-

and in Hoilow, ordering people to desist

from molesting foreigners and threatening

offenders with severe punishment. But

these measures, it appears, failed to have

effect. Mr. Ford says:—"The annoyance

still continued, however, more especially in

the street in which the Vice-Consulate is situated,

until I one day caught a man in the act, and

sent him to the magistrate's deputy at Hoilow

for punishment. He sentenced him to ten

days' 'bangas' in the street outside the

Vice-Consulate, but the man promising

not to offend again, and to warn his friends,

I requested that he might be released after

the first day. I thought that my object

would prove to be effectually obtained by

what he had already undergone. I am glad

to say that the results have justified that

opinion, for the example, and I trust also my

leniency, has had a most beneficial effect,

and the offence has now become as rare

as it was frequent before." The rumours

above referred to had reference to the

intention of foreigners towards the women

and children, and had no doubt been indis-
cretely propagated by some foreign-tongued

literati. There is a bitterly hostile element

in the population of almost every part of

China, apparently, which does its utmost to

breed distrust of foreigners among the ignorant

people. Now that the people of Hoilow

have proved by experience that foreigners

have no evil intentions towards them they

are friendly enough, as they would have been

all along if not tampered with and deluded

by some mischief-making scoundrels.

It is to be hoped that the same thing will not

experience at the new treaty ports, but it must

be confessed that nothing is more probable.

It is very evident that the news from the

seat of the war will not be of the most trustworthy character. The combatants are pretty

certain to give conflicting accounts of the

engagements, and it will be rather difficult to

pick out the real truth from the contradictory

statements. As a sample of what we are

likely to get in the shape of accounts of the

fighting in Asia, it is only necessary to refer to the telegraphic intelligence received

about the capture of Ardahan. In a telegraph dated

the 25th ultmo, it was stated that the

Russians had completely invested Kara-

and the news of the re-capture of Ardahan is

declared to be erroneous.

ARMED MUSKET RATCHA.

Ahmed Muktar Pacha is reported to be in a

critical position.

OBITUARY.

Her Netherland Majesty the Queen of Hol- land.

CANTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

4th June.

A notice has been issued by the Superintendent of Customs that duty will be levied upon all

goods and articles imported into the Canton

district at the rate of 20 cents a day.

Defendant said that the plaintiff had come to the

Court to sue him for damages for the loss of

his boat, which was lost in the fire.

Plaintiff claimed that the boat was lost in

the Canton River, and that he had

been to the boat to see if it was still afloat.

Defendant said that he had

been to the boat to see if it was still afloat.

Plaintiff said that he had

been to the boat to see if it was still afloat.

Defendant said that he had

been to the boat to see if it was still afloat.

Plaintiff said that he had

been to the boat to see if it was still afloat.

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